

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 40, line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

A plastisol composition obtained was kept at 30 °C in a thermostatic chamber. After one week, the composition was removed from the bath to determine a viscosity. The viscosity measurement and a viscosity immediately after producing the plastisol composition were used to calculate a viscosity-increasing rate (units: %) for the plastisol according to the following equation:

$$(\text{a viscosity after keeping at } 30^{\circ}\text{C for } 1 \text{ hour week} / \text{an initial viscosity}) \times 100 (\%)$$

where a viscosity means one at a low shear speed.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 41, lines 6-16 with the following amended paragraph:

A plastisol composition obtained was applied to a glass plate with a released paper to a thickness of 2 mm. It was molded by heating in an oven at 180°C for 10 min to form an even film. After peeling, the film was cut into a No. 3 2 dumbbell shape to give a test piece, according to a procedure described in JIS K-7113, and the test piece was measured for a strength of a cured film (unit: MPa) using a tensilon measuring device under the conditions of a test speed of 200 mm/min, a load-cell rating of 980 N and an ambient temperature of 25 °C during measurement.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 54, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

In a 5 liter four-necked flask equipped with a thermometer, a nitrogen-gas inlet, a stirrer, a dropping funnel and a reflux condenser was placed 1414 g of purified water and 28.0 g of sodium mixed aliphatic acid (Kao Corporation, Trade name: ~~Free~~ Flake Mercer), and nitrogen gas was bubbled into the purified water. After stopping nitrogen gas, 45.6 g of

methyl methacrylate and 34.9 g of n-butyl methacrylate were added and the mixture was stirred at 150 rpm while being heated to 80°C. After the internal temperature became 80°C, 0.70 g of potassium persulfate dissolved in 28 g of purified water was added at one time to initiate soap-free polymerization. The mixture was stirred at the same temperature, 80°C, for 60 min to provide a seed particle dispersion.